

# SOMB

## MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2013 MEETING ISP FACILITY PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was held on March 21, 2013 at the Illinois State Police facility in Pontiac, Illinois. Chairperson Alyssa Williams-Schafer called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Present at the meeting in person were Board members Alyssa Williams-Schafer, Dick Winkler, Abdi Tinwalla, Steve Goytia, Carol Corgan, Robin McGinnis, Amy Campanelli, Harry Reed, Annette Milleville, Sheryl Essenburg, Margaret Menzenberger, Brenda Claudio, and Mickie Owens (on phone). Board members who were excused from the meeting were Michael Bednarz, Dustin Sutton, Simeon Kim, and Verlin Meinz. Non-members in attendance were Dawn Welkie, Jessica O'Leary, and three members of the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.

The minutes of the January 17, 2013 meeting were approved, as submitted, on motion made by Harry Reed and seconded by another Board member.

### BY LAWS

Chairperson Williams-Schafer reported on the By Laws and asked for any comments from the Board. Carol Corgan requested we take out the first sentence of Section 2 of Quality Assurance of Providers (By Laws p.8). Also on p. 8, the Funding Committee, discussion was had surrounding what 'sources' of funding exist. Williams-Schafer suggested to add language stating that the Board would use funding sources in order to comply with the State statute. The specific language could read 'exploring funding sources and allocating funds in order to comply with state statute/provisions of this act'. Robin McGinnis suggested we leave the language generic such as 'to comply with provisions as indicated'. Lastly, on p.8 of the By Laws under Training, Sheryl Essenburg suggested we add 'Court personnel' because we need to offer training to prosecutors and the Judiciary. Robin moved to adopt By Laws as amended with the above changes. Dick seconded and the motion passed. Thank you to the legislative committee and Jessica O'Leary for their help with the By Laws.

## PROVIDER LISTINGS – REPRESENTATION/IDFPR

Robin McGinnis stated that Illinois ATSA members have been calling her about whether they will still be on the list. IL ATSA sent a letter to its members. These members were concerned about being represented and having a voice in the credentialing process.

IDFPR wants to make sure the providers will be certified. Interviews for the eight-person IDFPR committee are occurring. Alyssa will be the Board's designee on this committee. Dr. Bednarz will represent DHS. Jessica Stover will represent the SDP program. Steve Goytia will represent probation. Alyssa is giving names for community treatment providers or evaluators to be on this committee. One member of the general public will also be on this committee. The names of the committee members will go to IDFPR for comment.

By January 1, 2014, the rule development and approval must be completed so credentialing can begin. Therefore, the committee should be formed by July 2013. Alyssa will e-mail the SOMB re: developments with the IDFPR process and as soon as possible put the information onto the SOMB website. Alyssa is still processing applications and the newest version of the application is on-line.

## LEGISLATION

Alyssa has been monitoring legislation. She has been to the Capitol on two occasions. Many bills (if not all) needed to be out of committee by yesterday (3/20/13). All of the Sex Offender bills went to the wayside except a 500 ft change adding 'private playgrounds that are publicly accessible'. This language re: accessibility was vague. This bill passed through committee. Thanks to Alyssa for sending SOMB members updates on new legislation.

## TRAINING

Robin sent out the curriculum vitae for our possible speaker, Gerry Blasingame. Dr. Blasingame provided training previously for IL ATSA. The 'Risk, Needs, and Responsivity' issues reach a broader audience. RNR is a framework for looking at the individual, how to reenter and live safely in society, examine the person's strengths, be responsive to their needs, and support them.

The Training will be one day in the spring or early summer. Dr. Blasingame has a vast level of experience working with families and is a great trainer. Also, the National ATSA Conference is October 30, 2013 to November 2, 2013 in Chicago. Risk Assessment issues and the Static- 99 should be addressed at our next conference, per Steve Goytia. Probation has been using the Static 99 R for about five years. Alyssa likes this broad training and providers and probation is the targeted audience for our upcoming training.

Some discussion was had regarding having the training at either Heartland or Joliet Junior College. After discussing the pros and cons of each site, the SOMB Board members voted to have Heartland Community College be our site for the upcoming training. Robin will pick up the speaker at the airport and will check with IL ATSA re: CEU's. Possible dates for the training are May 30 or June 6, 2013. The time will be from 9-4, registration at 8:00 a.m., with one hour for lunch.

#### SOMB COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Standards and Guidelines Research Committee – no report
2. Quality Assurance of Providers Committee and Ethics and Conflict of Interest Committee – no report, meeting today
3. Funding committee – no report, will be meeting in the future.
4. Appointment Committee – We are waiting to hear from Michael Tardy – a letter has been sent. We also need someone from the Department of Juvenile Justice.
5. Legislative Committee – Brenda and Margaret are joining this committee. Once IDFPR develops their Rule, the legislative committee will need to review and work with JCAR to amend the Administrative Code.

Amy has provided an updated SOMB Committee list.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Dick Winkler expressed concern with the IDFPR timeline in coming up with the Rule. The JCAR process takes four to five months. There is already a backlog of licenses that are not issued in a timely fashion. The providers may not have their valid credentials in

time. The providers are panicking. Jessica stated that we built six months into the recommendations, we should be issuing licenses starting July 1, 2013, but IDFPR won't be ready?

Statutorily as of January 1, 2014, IDFPR needs agreement on statute, then must go through JCAR process. Carol suggests that we should direct the calls from the providers to IDFPR. Dick and Robin suggest we write a letter to IDFPR to get something going.

Dick Winkler made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tracie Newton seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at approximately 12:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the SOMB is by video conference at either the Thompson Center (IDOC/Chicago) or Springfield (IDOC) on May 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.